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**Statement of Chairman John M. McHugh**

*Joint Hearing on the Montgomery G.I. Bill for Members of the Select Reserve*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Today’s hearing on the Montgomery G.I. Bill for Members of the Selected Reserve is a joint hearing of the Military Personnel Subcommittee and the Economic Opportunity Subcommittee of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs.

Our discussion today is an important step in the process of making improvements to the education programs that serve our reserve forces. Reservists and Guardsmen are performing important roles in the war on terror and are making the same sacrifices as our active duty members. There is no group that deserves a robust G.I. Bill more than the members of the reserve components and the National Guard who have so expertly and gallantly stepped up and confronted our enemies across the globe.

The Congress must address the charges that the Montgomery G.I. Bill for the Selected Reserve has been neglected and the recommendations for a Total Force G.I. Bill that promises easier administration and justice for reserve warriors.

I would caution that these issues are very complex and technical and that there are many unanswered questions. It is my hope that this hearing will begin the learning process and establish the basis upon which we will build the legislative proposal that will meet the expectations of all government agencies and deliver the high quality education benefit that we want for our reserve personnel.

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